

Chicago Police Supt. David Brown  
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- Good morning.
- Thank you **Chairman Dowell** and City Council members for this opportunity to speak to you about the Chicago Police Department's plans to continue the work we are doing every day to enhance public safety and make this great city even greater.
- It is my privilege to lead the outstanding men and women of the Chicago Police Department. Our officers do their jobs bravely, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They have demonstrated, through what is arguably the most difficult time to be a police officer, a great commitment to protecting Chicago.
- They deserve the support and thanks of every resident.
- We of CPD greatly appreciate the support this council has provided. Members of my senior command staff have joined me today, to speak about the Department's budget for 2022.
- As we begin discussions, I want to highlight some of our major initiatives to this point.
- We have made substantial progress on reform.
- We are projecting the highest increase in compliance to date when the latest independent monitoring report is released.

- We conducted 30 hours of community engagement across 23 meetings that were specifically meant to gather public input on CPD policies.
- We wrote 95 new or revised policies and operating procedures that govern how CPD and its officers do their jobs.
- We modified or created over 170 hours of classroom training curricula for Department members, including those in specialized roles.
- We publicly released 7 dashboards and other reports that provide analysis and more insight into opportunities to strengthen reform.
- And we continued implementing four major pilot programs meant to transform staffing and supervision, performance evaluation, community relationships and officer report.
- I urge you to refer to our recent report from the 4<sup>th</sup> Independent Monitoring period for more.
- As part of our commitment to building public trust, CPD continues to expand Neighborhood Policing. This year, we launched the Neighborhood Policing Initiative in five additional South Side districts, bringing the total number to 10 districts on the South and West sides.
- With NPI, District Coordination Officers are given special training in community engagement and problem-solving, and are equipped with resources like cell phones and

tablets so that residents can easily communicate with our officers.

- I also want to mention the recent launch of our new Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement (CARE) pilot program in 13 neighborhoods across the city.
- This is a partnership with the Chicago Fire Department, Chicago Department of Public Health, and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications to more effectively respond to 9-1-1 calls reporting someone experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Response teams will include specially trained paramedics, mental health clinicians and a police officer who has completed our Crisis Intervention training.
- Our officers also did great work this summer as part of the Mayor's Summer Safety Strategy.
- CPD and other city agencies came together to address safety in the 15 most violent police beats, with the mayor's "whole of government" approach.
- City agencies collaborated to provide services to those beats, which were gathered into four zones. And we saw the impact. Between May 17 and September 5, the time period of the Summer Safety Strategy, overall homicides in Zone 4 on the Far South Side declined by 71%. Fatal shootings declined by 79% compared to the same time in **2020**. Vehicular hijackings declined 26%. Aggravated assaults declined almost 20%.

- Our officers continue to do great work taking illegal weapons off the streets.
- CPD is on pace to recover more than 12,000 illegal firearms this year, the most ever.
- Our new Gun Investigations Team is targeting the big-time gun traffickers who are involved in the illegal weapons trade.
- The Mayor's new gun and homicide tip line is now up and running to help us get more information on gun trafficking. CPD is working with Cook County CrimeStoppers to pay callers who provide information that helps us apprehend those involved in gun trafficking and homicides.
- The tip line numbers are toll-free at 833-408-0069 and also 312-746-7330.
- We have also made more carjacking-related arrests this year than in 2020. Those arrests include 243 for vehicular hijacking, which is a 76% increase compared to this time last year.
- Our detectives have cleared more murders than in a decade, over 270 cases in 2021.
- Next year, we will focus heavily on recruitment to bring in the best candidates to be the next generation of sworn officers.
- Our new Deputy Chief of Recruitment and Retention, Yolanda Talley, is striving to meet the challenge. She and

her dedicated team are already working hard to attract the next generation of young officers.

- We will visit colleges and universities; host recruiting events and offer more opportunities for candidates to take the training academy entrance exam in person.
- In October and December, CPD will host a series of in-person exams at each City Colleges campus.
- Those exams will be held on Oct. 22 and 23, and on Dec. 3 and 4, at Malcolm X, Kennedy-King, Truman, Olive Harvey, Daley and Wright colleges. Harold Washington College will host exams on Oct. 21 and 22 and Dec. 2 and 3.
- Mayor Lightfoot's budget also invests heavily in officer wellness.
- That is something that I have always been passionate about. We must be proactive about providing our men and women in blue with support for the difficult, dangerous job of protecting the public.
- Since I became superintendent, CPD has increased the number of full-time clinical therapists from 3 to 11.
- That is still not enough to fully support the department. So the mayor has included in this budget funding for 11 more clinicians, bringing the total to 22. We will be able to have a clinician for every police district.
- We look forward, as well, to hiring a new director of wellness, to guide our efforts as we work hard to ensure the best support for our officers' well-being.

- Mayor Lightfoot's budget will help us reach that goal so officers can be at their best.
- But police officers cannot do their job alone.
- The best way to ensure public safety is to prevent crime from happening in the first place.
- The city's budget for the Community Safety Coordination Center, street outreach, violence intervention and diversion for our youth, and victim's services, are all critical to reducing violence.
- We are all in this work together.
- Thank you for the opportunity to address the council.
- We look forward to your questions.